



The Christmas Story



What was it really like?

When Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, they would travel with a group of people because

The journey would be



Bethlehem was very crowded, at that time because There was no room at any of the inns.

Mary and Joseph had to sleep in a stable. It might, in fact, have been a

..... It would probably be very warm because

The shepherds who came would be guarding their flocks from and



The three kings probably didn't come on Christmas Eve, but on what we call They might not even have been kings, but probably They brought wonderful gifts. Frankincense was used to and myrrh was used

Mary and Joseph had to flee to Egypt because This would be a terrible journey over the and Deserts. It would have taken a long time. They probably didn't return home to Nazareth until Jesus was a few



We say that Joseph was a, but he was probably a, and may have been quite wealthy. We think that Jesus probably had up to brothers and sisters.



Write up this story, filling in the spaces with words and ideas from the list below. (If you have listened to the Christmas story, this should be quite easy.)

Cave, wild animals, embalm, Negev, census, bandits, King Herod, astronomers, Sinai, twelve, animals, carpenter, massacre, innocents, builder, taxes, donkey, camels, difficult, dangerous, Epiphany, years

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